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**California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation****Public Notice Announcement****Release of an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration
for the****Enhanced Outpatient Program - General Population Treatment and Office Space,
Salinas Valley State Prison**

What's Being Planned: The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has released for public review the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for Enhanced Outpatient Program - General Population Treatment and Office Space at Salinas Valley State Prison (SVSP). The proposed project consists of the construction of a two-story 27,171-sq ft building that would provide services for up to 300 Enhanced Outpatient Program (EOP) General Population (GP) inmates. The building would include individual and group therapy rooms, classrooms, administrative offices, and support space for clinical staff. The proposed project would not increase the inmate population at SVSP. Facility staffing would increase by up to 43 new employees, increasing total staff at SVSP from 1,512 to approximately 1,555. New employees would work between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. A new parking lot to accommodate the additional staff would be constructed adjacent to existing parking.

The primary purpose of the proposed project is to bring CDCR into compliance with a federal court order (*Coleman vs. Schwarzenegger*, Case No. 2:90-cv-00520-LKK-JFM) to provide constitutionally adequate mental health care to inmates incarcerated in California prisons. CDCR anticipates construction of the proposed project would begin in late 2011, with an estimated completion date of Spring 2014.

Project Location: The entire proposed project would be built within existing SVSP boundaries. SVSP is located at 31625 Highway 101 in Monterey County within the incorporated limits of the City of Soledad, approximately three miles north of the City's center. SVSP is located on a State-owned, 950-acre parcel that includes SVSP and the California Training Facility (CTF). SVSP is adjacent to the CTF, a State prison in operation since the 1940s. U.S. Highway 101 and the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks generally bound the CTF/SVSP site to the southwest and agricultural land surrounds the remaining CTF/SVSP property.

Environmental Effects: CDCR has prepared an IS/Proposed MND pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15063. CDCR has studied the effects that the proposed project may have on the environment. The studies show that the project either will not significantly affect the quality of the environment, or that all significant impacts can clearly be mitigated to a level that is less than significant. The site is not contained on any of the lists of sites (Cortese List) enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Where You Come In: As lead agency under CEQA, CDCR is releasing the IS/Proposed MND for public review and comments. The document is available for a 30-day public review period from **September 9, 2010 to October 11, 2010.**

Where to Review the Environmental Document and Provide Comments: Formal comments regarding the IS/MND may be submitted in writing via mail, e-mail, or fax any time during the public review period. The IS/MND is available for a 30-day public review period from **September 9, 2010 to October 11, 2010.** Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the IS/MND or any questions regarding the document should be submitted no later than **October 11, 2010.** Comments may be sent to:

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Copies of the IS/MND and all documents referenced in the IS/MND are available for public review during regular business hours at the office of CDCR identified above.

Digital copies of the IS/MND are available on the internet at:
http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Reports_Research/Environmental/index.html.

Paper copies of the IS/MND are available for public review at the following locations:

Soledad Public Library
401 Gabilan Drive
Soledad, CA 93960

Buena Vista Branch Library
18250 Tara Drive
Salinas, CA 93908

Gonzales Branch Library
851 Fifth Street
Gonzales, CA 93926